

YOUNG TWIGS

Numbers 13:1–14:45

Year 1, lesson 22

The Israelites continue their journey to the land God promised them. Before they arrive God wants them to not only spy out the promised land but to take a census, a numbering of all Israelites. ▲

Observation: *what does it say?*

Read Numbers 13:1–14:45. Mark: *God, Moses, Aaron, sons of Israel, the land, spy/spied, Joshua, Caleb, leader.*

1. What were God's instructions to Moses?
2. Who is chosen to spy out the land?
3. What do they report back to the people, and how do the people respond?
4. What was the consequence for their reaction? How did they respond to the consequence?

Interpretation: *what does the author mean?*

5. Why do Caleb and Joshua recommend a different plan than the other spies do?
6. What have the Israelites seen God do in the past that should give them hope and courage?
What verse in Num 14 reminds us of this?

7. Read Deuteronomy 8:1–5. What was God’s purpose in His consequence for their response?

8. What are the chapter themes for Num 13 and 14?

Application: *therefore, what shall I do?*

9. God is a covenant God: He makes a promise and He keeps it. The sons of Israel keep forgetting this. What promises has He made to you? What will help you to remember His promises?

10. When you are asked to do something you find difficult, what do you do?
Do you complain & grumble or are you calm? What should be your response?

11. Joshua and Caleb were leaders who didn’t “go with the crowd”. They were confident in God’s promise and power. Give an example when you didn’t “go with the crowd”. What happened and what was the response?

